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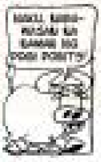
By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SOME ₱101 MILLION IN CASH AND millions of pesos worth of shares of stock found in the Jose Velarde account of convicted plunderer ex-President Joseph Estrada have been returned to the government.

The Sandiganbayan's security and sheriff services reported yesterday that it had confiscated the assets of the Jose Velarde account from Banco de Oro, almost three weeks after the antigraft court's

₱101M IN CASH A11

90% of cops can't shoot straight—Napolcom exec



IF A POLICE OFFICER draws his gun, duck or take cover.

Ninety percent of police officers cannot shoot straight or clean their guns properly, according to recent

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Smith 'gone in 60 seconds'

US Marine flown out of RP on Thursday

By Tarra Quismundo, Kristine L. Alave and TJ Burgonio

AS CLANDESTINELY AS when he was transferred from the Makati City Jail to the US Embassy compound in Manila after his rape conviction in December 2006, Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith has been flown out of the country.

A US Embassy statement issued yesterday did not provide details beyond saying that "following the decision of the Philippine Court of Appeals, Daniel Smith departed the Philippines under the authority of United States military officials."

So secret were the arrangements that even Smith's Filipino lawyer, Jose Justiniano, and custodian, Interior Undersecretary Marius Corpus, claimed to be in the dark about his departure.

"They don't have to inform me ... because he is under the custody of the US Embassy," Justiniano said, adding that he and Smith did not even get to speak before the Marine left.

But the Department of Foreign Affairs was "informed" by the US Embassy that Smith was flying out. "We knew about it," said DFA spokesperson Eduardo Malaya.

He refused to provide details or to divulge when exactly the ex-convict left.

Malacañang finds nothing irregular in Smith's hasty departure.

"Why should we find it outrageous?" Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said in reply to a question.

"As what lawyers told me, once you're acquitted of a case, and the acquittal is executory, holding you one minute longer is a violation of the law and of human rights," Remonde said.

On Thursday, the Court of Appeals overturned a Makati court ruling convicting Smith, now 24, of raping Filipino woman "Nicole" at the Subic Bay

SMITH A6



TOO MUCH TOO SOON And the groups protesting the acquittal of American Marine Daniel Smith on Friday are too late. Skipping the release process agreed on between his DILG custodian and the US Embassy, Smith reportedly departed soon after the court acquitted him on Thursday.

'Ruling could set dangerous precedent'

By Michael Lim Ubac

SENATORS YESTERDAY LAMENTED the reversal of Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith's rape conviction but agreed that he was free to go.

"A free man has the choice to leave the country with his head held high or ... skulking like a thief in the night," said Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

According to Pimentel, a lawyer, an acquittal in the country is "immediately executory."

"Holding [Smith] in detention further would be an unnecessary derogation of his liberty," said the senator.

Sen. Francis Escudero, also a lawyer, said the Philippine government could not run to the Supreme Court to file an appeal because "only under very exceptional cases is appeal available to an acquittal given the double jeopardy rule."

But he assailed the haste with which Smith was spirited out.

"[The US government] did not even waste a day ... It's really saddening that justice even here in our country is

RULING A6

CA acquittal not subject to review —Gonzalez

By Norman Bordadora

THE COURT OF APPEALS' ACQUITTAL of Daniel Smith may no longer be the subject of review, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

According to Gonzalez, the only way the acquittal may be questioned before the Supreme Court is when the government is able to prove "grave abuse of discretion."

"[As] far as I remember there is only one case ... where the acquittal of the accused was overturned, which normally is already double jeopardy," Gonzalez told reporters, referring to the case of the officers and soldiers in the Aquino-Galman double-murder case.

The Sandiganbayan during the Marcos dictatorship acquitted the officers and soldiers involved in the 1983 assassination of former Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. and purported gunman Rolando Galman.

But the case was reopened during President Corazon Aquino's administration and the courts found the accused guilty.

The surviving convicts were released only recently on a grant of executive clemency.

Gonzalez said there was grave abuse

CA ACQUITTAL A6



AN EXTRA JUBILANT Jovito Palparan of Bantay shows up at the Comelec, albeit late—perhaps to avoid an awkward situation for its chair Jose Melo.

Palparan, GMA sis-in-law, 27 others 'proclaimed'

By Kristine L. Alave and Nikko Dizon

THERE'S NO STOPPING JOVITO PALPARAN'S march to Congress.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) yesterday cleared the way for the retired Army general and 28 other party-list representatives to join the House of Representatives by belatedly proclaiming their party-list groups as winners in the 2007 legislative elections.

The Comelec action also ensured a congressional seat for Ang Kasangga representative Ma. Lourdes Arroyo, sister of President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband, Jose Miguel.

About the only chance Palparan's foes have of stopping him is for them to file a quo warranto case against him that would question his qualifications, but Commission on Human Rights chair Leila de Lima said it wasn't clear if such an action would apply to Palparan, whom leftist militants have linked to killings of political activists when he was still in the military.

"I am not sure if he is covered by this but they may file a quo warranto case against him," De Lima, a former elec-

PALPARAN A19



FIRST PUBLIC DISPLAY On the 60th founding of the People's Liberation Army Navy, Chinese President (left) Hu Jintao presides over a naval display that includes for the first time its nuclear submarines, 2 diesel-electric submarines, 5 missile destroyers, 6 frigates and a large amphibious landing ship.

China displays naval power in int'l show

QINGDAO, CHINA—CHINESE President Hu Jintao sought to reassure the international community over China's rising military strength before presiding over a naval display highlighting Beijing's ambitions of becoming a major sea power.

Hosted by the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) in honor of its 60th anniversary, Thursday's spectacle featured the first known public display of two of China's nuclear-powered Long March submarines, capable of firing ballistic missiles far from the country's shores.

Two diesel-electric submarines also took part in the half-hour sail past off the rain-shrouded eastern port of Qingdao, along with five missile destroyers, six frigates, and a large amphibious landing ship.

Above them flew electronic reconnaissance and early warning planes, fighter jets and anti-submarine-warfare helicopters.

Altogether, 56 Chinese subs, destroyers, frigates, missile boats and planes were paraded in the review just weeks after Chinese boats tangled with a US ship in the South China Sea, which Beijing calls its ex-

CHINA A11



Vagni marks 100th day of captivity today

By Julie Alipala in Mindanao and Kristine L. Alave in Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—TODAY MARKS the 100th day of captivity for Italian Eugenio Vagni, the last of the three International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) workers seized on Jan. 15.

Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan has announced he is personally leading the ground operation against the Abu Sayyaf group.

"I'm with them [government troops] and I'm in Indanan right now. We are proceeding to the area [where Vagni was reportedly being held] and we are pursuing the Abu Sayyaf Group," Tan told the Inquirer by text message yesterday.

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'Psycho' autopsy key to suicide probe

A PSYCHOLOGICAL AUTOPSY COULD PROVE VITAL TO FERRETing out the truth behind the death of broadcaster Ted Failon's wife Trinidad Etong.

Jigsaw puzzle

Reenacted

No crime yet



BROADCASTER TED FAILON and daughter Kaye walk through a crowd during yesterday's preliminary investigation in Quezon City.

QC Cop protests suspension

Jurisdiction

No stated reason



No revamp of Senate ethics committee–Enrile



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DOH takes new tack in malaria treatment

Out of fuel, freed RP ship fears new attack by pirates

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Angeles cops detain 6 ex-soldiers

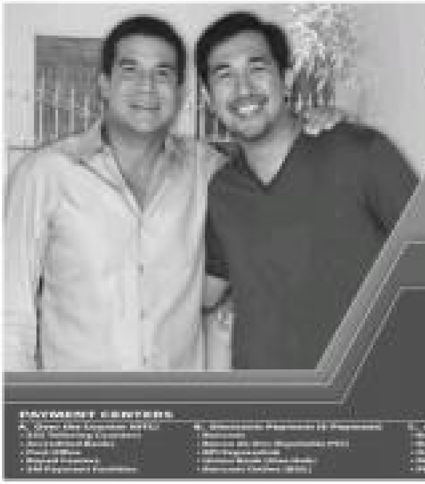
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Cha-cha advocacy

Bickering augurs well for 2010 polls



Noli warns vs squatting syndicates

VICE PRESIDENT Noli de Castro has warned the public against buying property from "squatting syndicates" claiming to own vast tracts of land in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

De Castro, who heads the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), said the modus operandi of these squatting syndicates involved claiming ownership of large real estate properties, whether public or private, using fake titles.

These titles, like the Titulo de Propiedad (4136) and Original Certificate of Title (OCT) 01-4, are no longer used in any land registration proceedings under the Torrens system, he said.

The syndicates sell the properties at prices way below the fair market value, said De Castro.

Last month, the HUDCC Anti-Squatting Group helped several complainants to file charges against a group of alleged professional squatters and operators of squatting syndicates for estafa and falsification of public documents.

The complainants were buyers of the property being claimed by the syndicates which allegedly collected more than P1 million from them.

Earlier this month, 11 suspected members of a squatting syndicate were arrested inside the National Government Center Housing Project West Side Compound in Quezon City. *Cynthia D. Balana*

Retrouvaille weekend

Judge rejects Lim custody of Lozada

By Erika Sauler


LOZADA


LIM

More ex-rebel soldiers eye elective posts

By Jocelyn R. Uy

Lawyers group goes after Big 3

A GROUP OF lawyers on Thursday asked a Manila court looking into the pricing practices of major oil firms to subpoena the National Economic and Development Authority's documentary basis for saying that oil products were overpriced.

In a hearing at the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 26, Vladimir Cabigao of the Social Justice Society (SJS) asked the court to issue that the Neda had been reported as saying that petroleum products were overpriced by at least P8.

The counsel for Shell and Chevron... strongly objected to the request, claiming that the source Neda report was hearsay and not made in connection to the case.

"We're talking [in this case] about price increases way back in 2005 which were already resolved by the [Department of Justice and Energy] Task Force," the lawyer for Shell said.

The SJS filed a case against Petron, Shell and Chevron in 2005, claiming that the so-called Big 3 oil firms had been using pricing schemes grossly advantageous to the public.

Presiding Judge Silvino Pampilo Jr. reopened the case this February after the interagency task force on oil deregulation submitted its report which said that there was no monopoly.

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ONCE MORE WITH ANGER

Custody issue now moot, academic

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Subic breaks record in tourist arrivals

SUBIC BAY Freeport—Tourist arrivals and hotel occupancy in the Subic Bay Freeport hit record levels during the Holy Week.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority administrator Armand Arreza made this announcement yesterday based on the number of vehicles counted by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

He said visitor arrivals increased 74 percent during the April 5-10 period when a total of 43,966 vehicles were monitored to have entered the Freeport through the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEx), compared to 25,300 in the same period last year.

"Using the standard multiplier of four persons per vehicle, this year's vehicle tally translates to a total of [illegible] persons, a significant number of tourist arrivals to be recorded in a weekly time," Arreza said in a press statement.

Likewise, hotel occupancy rates in Subic also jumped to an unprecedented level as 28 hotels and lodging operators out of the 33 existing establishments in Subic reported [illegible] percent occupancy, Arreza said.

The occupancy figure recorded in the same period last year was only [illegible] percent, he added.



... But there's no room at the House

By Gil C. Cabacungan



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China veggies seen threat to farmers

DAVAO CITY—THE livelihood and survival of Filipino farmers are being threatened by the onslaught of cheap vegetable imports from China, an international expert on vegetable production warned on Thursday.



CHILD PLAY

Cebu sues Maui Taylor, 2 others for 'indecent' show

Bomb goes off 20 meters from Army base; Moro rebs blamed

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Tax collection down

NPA reb kin slain

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Corn farmers' group plans own party list

Make environment crimes heinous, gov't told

Need of poor Pinoys for medicines, docs glaring in Balikatan



417 passengers, crewmen of ship stranded off Siquijor waters

Lifeline goes long way for OFWs who lost jobs abroad

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Displaced OFWs keep dreams alive



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Palace holds suspension of Rodriguez town mayor

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

MALACAÑANG HAS STEPPED INTO THE POLITICAL standoff in Rodriguez, Rizal, and ordered the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to halt the implementation of the suspension order against Mayor Pedro Cuerpo.

Male nurse nabbed for swindling other nurses

By Jeannette I. Andrade

Mode of operation

Drew suspicion

CHALLENGE TO DENR

'Stop firms destroying San Mateo resources'

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Combination of lust and alcohol

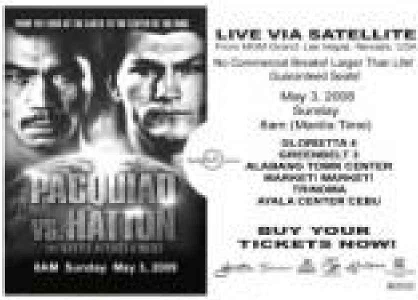
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Portion of Katipunan Avenue in QC now a special development zone

By Julie M. Aurelio

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1 dead in truck smashup

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Accident stalls traffic

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Thieves wear cops' shirts

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PNA editor's ma dies

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Man, wife die after being saved from burning house

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GMA exec withdraws TRO bid vs Rama; eyes injunction

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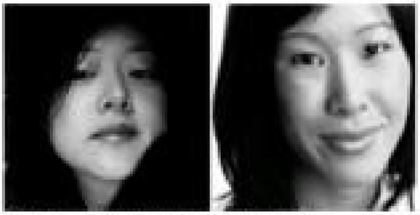
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Tourist charged for fake ATM card

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Thai PM lifts emergency, but troops to stay

Secret tally has 87,215 Iraqis dead



Nokor to try detained US journalists

In long drive to cure cancer, advances have been elusive

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UN says nearly 6,500 civilians dead in Sri Lanka

French minister vows to clear up migrant 'jungle'

Pill sales in US rise as financial anxiety leads to insomnia

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80 killed in 3 suicide bombings in Iraq

BAGHDAD—AT LEAST 80 PEOPLE DIED AND 120 others were injured on Thursday in three bombings, Iraqi officials said.



AN IMAGE grab of Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, the supposed leader of al-Qaida in Iraq now said to be in Baghdad's custody.



Pangilinan offers to help renovate RMSC

SPORTS

Three guest teams boost NCAA roster

I'm ready, declares the Pacman



Tigresses tie for V-League lead

NCR bets dominate athletics

Play ball for Philippine Series 5 today

5 breeders ahead in Bullang Bullang derby

GDAP
Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines
Authentic Goods and Trusted Services

2nd GDAP SUMMER GOLF SHOW 2009

NBC Tent, Bonifacio Global City, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig | 25-26 April 2009

Go for golf!

Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines (GDAP), a local association of golf equipment and turf companies, has spearheaded various golf events, the annual Philippine International Golf Show being the most noteworthy. 14 years after the group was born, they are committed to continue heightening golf awareness and eventually lure other possible enthusiasts.

According to GDAP President Butch Halagueña, they hope to entice the future generation of golfers, especially the students who are taking a break from school, through the 2nd GDAP Summer Golf Show this April 25 and 26 at the NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio in Taguig.

In the show, golf enthusiasts would be able to feast on loads of discounted, quality golf gears from the world's biggest brands like including Adams Golf, Callaway Golf, Maruman, Mizuno, Nike Golf, TaylorMade, Wilson Staff, Bridgestone Golf, HTM, LTN, Lynx, Oakley, Ping, Taylormade and Titleist.

"Aside from the major price slashdowns and promotional giveaways from all participating brands, we will feature different activities for the visitors," added Halagueña.

The event, which will be open from 10 am up to midnight today (Saturday) and up to 11 pm tomorrow, will exhibit a wide array of great buys: from golf carts to equipments, shoes, apparel and accessories-surely golf buffs are to have a blast.

"With the major brands and companies participating, it's going to be worth the visit for golfers," according to Golf Show chairman Lil Mendoza.

Through event plugs aired over Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, 99.5 RT and Mix 103.5, at least 5,000 golfers are expected to see the show which is also supported by American Eye Center as Bronze Sponsor and Golf Digest Philippines as the Major Media Partner.

Roster of exhibitors include Arms Enterprises, Electrolux Consolidated Inc., Mizuno Sports Corp., Pacsports Phils. Inc., Raymundo's Trophies & Sculptures, Transview Golf Phils., Inc., WS Sports, Inc., Asia Traders Corp., Ayala Land Premier, Belle Corp., Dunes Golf Commodities, Dynamic Sports Corp., L&W Clubshares, Green Tee Products, Healthwise Enterprises, MIKRA Enterprises, New Smart Horizon Trading Corp., Pagoda Cuisine Filipino, HRMI Phils., Sport chiropractic and Sta. Lucia Realty.

GDAP and its members continue its aim of ensuring local golf players they have only the best value for their money by making sure that only the finest equipment are available in the market - GDAP-accredited stores particularly.

This is the thrust of the 'Buy Here, Buy Real' campaign, a drive launched last year to educate consumers that they have to buy from legitimate sources, particularly the GDAP-accredited shops, and to discourage them from buying at those pro shops engaging in parallel importation.

"The campaign's principle is that, by being loyal to GDAP-accredited distributors, buyers technically get high-quality golf equipment with excellent after-sales service since counterfeit products won't be eligible for any sort of warranty. They are likewise eligible for valuable promos like trade-ins and upgrades," says Halagueña.

Buying from licensed dealers also helps the country's economy and keeps licensors, hardworking employees, distributors and their employees in proper business-the manufacturer's way to help combat the financial crisis.

GDAP will host a golf program for kids 7 to 13 years old who have not tried the hitting but are very interested to learn the sport. "We are inviting all kids to visit GDAP booth [located near the entrance at the right side of the hall] to register for the kids golf program that will kick-off this summer. Initially, we can accommodate only 150 participants," says project chair Glenn Barrera GDAP president Butch Halagueña.



Lil Mendoza (represented by Simon Pagsisi) of Great Depot, Richie Macapagal (represented by Rocky Roxas) of Pacsports Phils. Inc., Raymond Arandilla of Arandilla Marketing, Butch Halagueña of Acro Industrial Development & Construction Corp., Rustie Santiago (represented by Lilibeth Santiago) of Arms Enterprises, and Glenn Barrera of Electrolux Consolidated Inc. Others not in photograph: Mark Sy of Bruce's Shoes Inc., Chris Salomon of Golden's Marketing Corp., Lor Tan of Kart Plaza, and Mabu Garcia of WS Sports Inc.

Past Golf Show Dates:

7th Phil. Int'l Golf Show: 4-6 October 2002, Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall
8th Phil. Int'l Golf Show: 26-28 September 2003, Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall
9th Phil. Int'l Golf Show: 8-10 October 2004, Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall
10th Phil. Int'l Golf Show: 7-9 October 2005, Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall
11th Phil. Int'l Golf Show: 20-22 October 2006, Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall
12th Phil. Int'l Golf Show: 7-9 October 2007, Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall
13th Phil. Int'l Golf Show: 19-21 September 2008, Hall 3, SMX Convention Center

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GDAP was incorporated in 17 February 1995. Thus, the Association has been in existence for the past 14 years.

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Celtics clobber Bulls; Jazz nip Lakers

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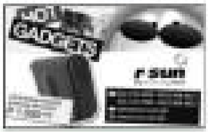
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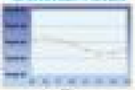
Imports continued to slump in February

Electronics down 43%; trade gap swells to $552M

IMPORTS CONTINUED TO DECLINE IN FEBRUARY, although at a slower 31.9 percent, to $3.06 billion from $4.49 billion in the same month last year.

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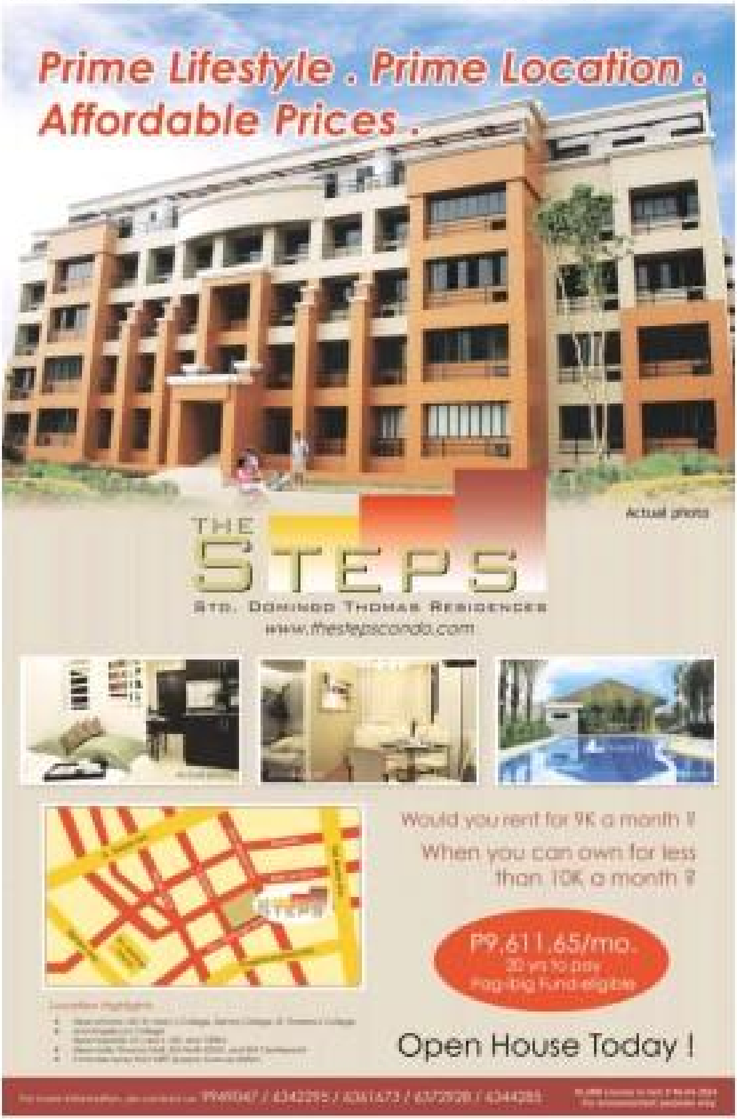


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Stocks close higher

BSP, local gov't agency sign cooperation deals



Fil-Estate defers transfer of 30% stake in John Hay firm

Share swap moved to mid-2010

Cuisia retiring from Philamlife in end-July



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Rate increase boosts Meralco stocks by 11.8%

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Chrysler faces bankruptcy

US sees hope; South Korea avoids recession



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Asian stocks slide; gold jumps on China hoard

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Why loving Mother Earth means having to say goodbye to meat



By Tessa R. Salazar

EACH HUMAN WILL consume 2,400 farm animals in his/her lifetime. Try multiplying 2,400 farm animals by 6.77 billion people on earth. [illegible]

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Uplifting news for women

By Charles E. Buban

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THE FEATHER LIGHT
Brava device easily slips under the breast skin.

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Valuing rarity

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Maxie Santos Ballon

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Economic incentive

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Higher value for rare species

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Preventing tormenting headaches

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RECURRENT MIGRAINE HEADACHES [illegible]

Avoiding triggers

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PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang



Tagaytay Highlands turning Japanese

By Tessa R. Salazar

TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS, a recreational development noted for its exclusive sanctuaries themed after such locations as a Swiss Alpine village, rustic log houses enhanced by thousands of pine trees, among other things, is venturing into another community, with a theme a bit closer to home.

A Japanese-themed residential community will be situated across a 14-hectare property straddling Tagaytay Highland's gently rolling terrain.

This was recently revealed by Belle Corp., developer of high-end residential and leisure properties.

Residential community

The community, which would commence construction by early 2010, is described as "inspired by the great Katsura Palace of Kyoto, a princely summer retreat that eases the senses and uplifts the spirit."

Each property of Katsura comes with a proprietary share of the Tagaytay Midlands Golf Club, which also entitles homeowners to amenities at the Tagaytay Highlands Golf and Country Clubs.

Belle, however, will have the rights in a deed of restriction on design specifications, among other things.

"If you want to build your house, you have to submit your architectural plans to a committee. That committee will tell you whether your design conforms [with the design specifications], or whether you have to make the changes," Manuel Gana, Belle executive vice president and chief financial officer, told Inquirer Property.

Lot sizes

Belle will be selling lots with sizes ranging from 288 to 641 square meters.

Lot sizes will depend on the location. These are tailored for flexibility to accommodate a wide range of buyers. The introductory price, for example, is P12,888 per sq m plus VAT.

Gana said the lot sizes vary depending on the location because some spots, for example, will have to adjust to the contours of the land. "If it drops off a cliff you just can't sell it. You have to cut it to 250 sq m," Gana quipped.

He added that "if people want bigger cuts they can always buy two lots. There's no limit so long as the lots are available. And they don't have to build in all of the lots."

Gana said construction should begin "by early 2010 if not earlier. We are accepting reservations, but we're not selling yet."

Interested buyers will be led to vantage points where they can see the "lay of the land" and the ongoing development.

Japanese homes

Proponents of the project envision a community of traditional and contemporary Japanese homes with steep angled roofs that mimic the beautiful mountain in its backdrop. The slender beams and posts customary to this type of design frame the spectacular scenery and natural environment.

Gana said housing designs nowadays are leading toward a modernistic approach, particularly designs resembling Zen, Balinese or a predilection to contemporary Asian architecture.

Expect a "Koen," one of several pocket

TAGAYTAY/B2-2



THE PICTURESQUE promenade beckons you to take an invigorating stroll around the neighborhood leading you to a delightful "KOEN," one of several pocket gardens scattered throughout the area.

TwoE-comCenter breaks ground at the Mall of Asia complex



AN ARCHITECTURAL perspective of the TwoE-comCenter building

P2B project

Holistic work environment

Bringing. . .

From page B-4



KITCHEN countertop and side panel in synthetic solid surface material.

Surfaces



A MAIN door is clad in stainless steel for both exterior and interior surfaces.





THE ARCHITECTS of Kazuni envision a community of traditional and contemporary Japanese homes with steep-angled roofs that mimic the beautiful mountain in its backdrop.

Tagaytay . . .

From page B1-1

Give the gift of pleasure at Manhattan Garden City



The gift of pleasure is yours to have at Manhattan Garden City, which hosts the highest concentration of amenities among residential condominium developments.



Residents can do yoga exercises amidst the lush greeneries of Manhattan Garden City.



Manhattan Garden City residents will enjoy shopping all year round at the posh Gateway Mall.



More than 20 pleasure amenities await residents at the second phase of Manhattan Garden City alone.

A day with the master (BenCab)



THE MAIN entrance to the BenCab Museum



ENTRANCE to the private enclave

Quite a spread

The treasure chest



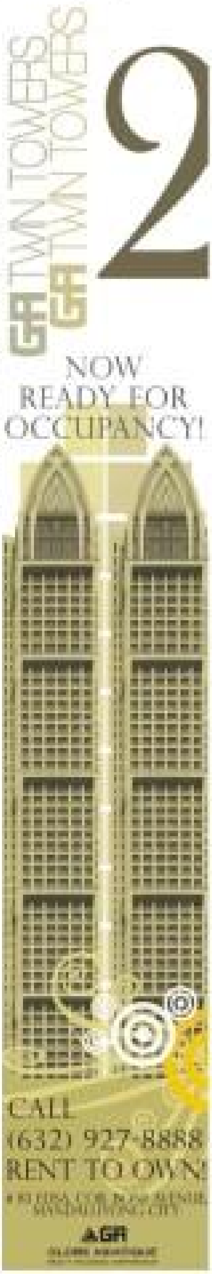
LIVING ARCHITECTURE



Private enclave



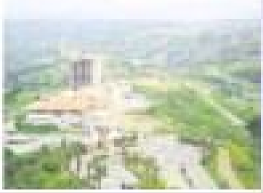




SPLENDIDO TAAL TOWERS:

Showcasing the Sweet Life at the Top









Bringing back the fireflies

DESIGN DIMENSIONS



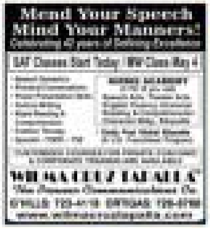


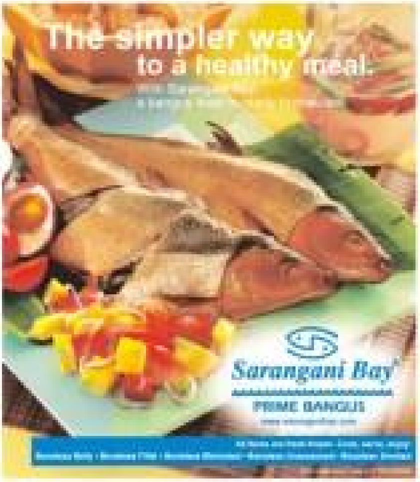


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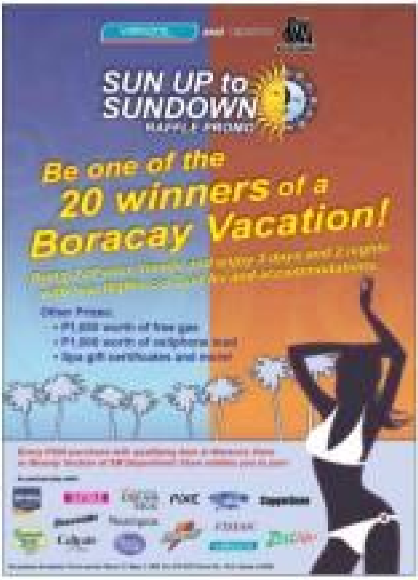


Do's and don'ts for interns





Menial tasks





Do's and don'ts for interns



DON'T waste company resources on personal matters.

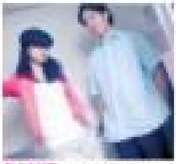


DON'T get caught sleeping on the job.

Do's:



DO your tasks with a smile.



DON'T wear inappropriate attire to work.

Don'ts:



DON'T dawdle over extra-long breaks.



DON'T look down on menial jobs.

SUMMER HOTTIES

DannieBoi is a cool boy



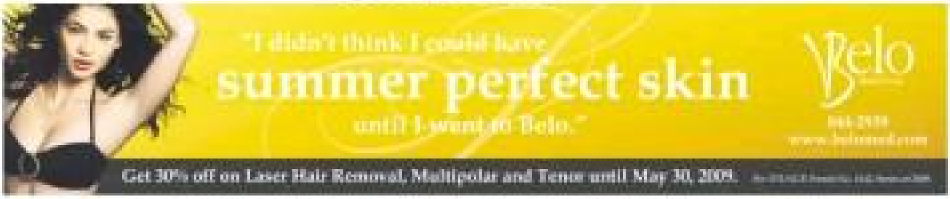
The great thing about summer? 'Everyone has free time!'

Coco tableware wins student . . .

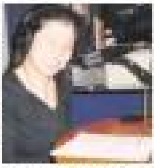
Team Atlantis







A graduate's journey: Dreaming big and changing lives



HABITAT Youth Ambassador Alex Eduque goofs off prior to going on air to promote Habitat.





> Working as a Habitat volunteer, I have emerged a changed person

Coco tableware wins student entrepreneur contest

HSBC's tilt aims to spark entrepreneurship among the youth

THEY'RE YOUNG AND they mean business.



Team Chains for Change





Team Beleavers







Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan
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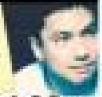
I think, therefore I ink

Want to create and sell graphic tees online? The InkSquad gives you a democratic, design-savvy medium



SHIRT CIRCUIT What you think, they will "ink" on quality tees. Artists get royalties from online sales, and their names are printed on the tags.

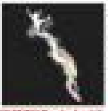
LOST IN TRANSIT



Paola R. Reyes

NOW HERE'S SOMETHING to Twitter about.

If your creative ink cartridge has run dry in that seething summer heat, you might consider signing up with The InkSquad (www.theinksquad.com), a new local website that can turn you into the Philippines' Next Big T-shirt Designer.



"KICKING color bomb" by Quincy Gonzales

Launched in November 2008, the online graphic design community allows any regular Juan or Juana of artistic inclination to sketch a T-shirt design using Illustrator, Photoshop or Flash, upload it on the site, and—if their design gets a thumbs up and an affirmative number of votes from its [illegible]-strong member base—it will be printed and made available for purchase.



"NINJA" by Quincy Gonzales

The "oohs" and "aahs" don't stop there. The creator's name will not only get included on the tag of their T-shirts, they'll also bring home an artistic compensation of P1,000 for every winning design, plus five percent royalties of the total sales. But our limited bragging rights seem to be the greatest reward.



"SUNSET" by Carlo Dulnuan

Last February squad members voted for their first T-shirt to be printed (or "Inked," in their colloquial jargon). The winning design, called "Random Lines" by freelance artist Quincy Gonzales, has two pop-artsy members flirting with each other through a funny thought bubble.

I THINK D3



A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

Makati Shangri-La's Inagiku offers charcoal grilled seafood



Summer bliss continues at InterContinental

Great Palawan beach holiday at Microtel Resort



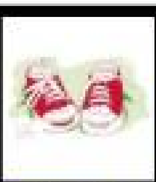
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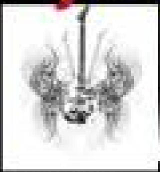
East meets West: Pacquiao vs Hatton fight

Provincial Hotels Directory

Microtel Inn & Suites











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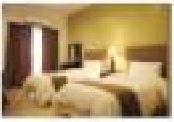


Tours, Leisure & Chow

Fiery fusion at Manila Pavilion's Boulvar



A refreshing escape at Torre Venezia



Your pleasure is their business



One-two combination at One Tagaytay Place this May

Pan Pacific Manila offers Pacific Dream Weddings package

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My 'fatal attraction' to all gadgets pink



THE PINK singer and her gadgets

My brothers have become the reluctant owners of a pink PSP hand-me-down

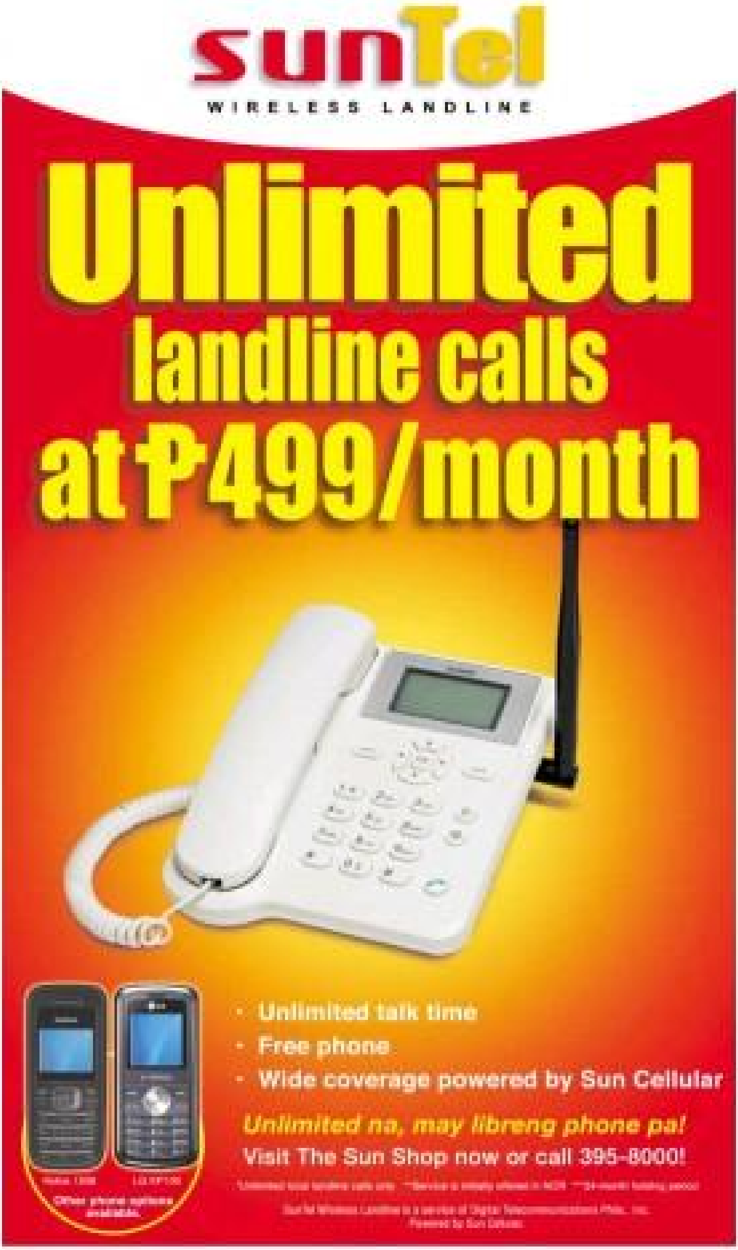
By Tsile Yang

THE FIRST GADGET I EVER owned was a Casio My Magic Diary that I had endlessly pestered my parents to get me for Christmas, when I was 9.

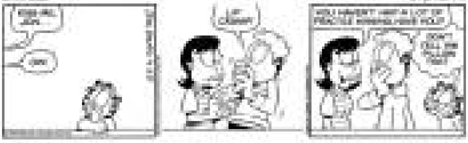
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Favorite phone

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GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



A. LIPIN — By Jess Abrera



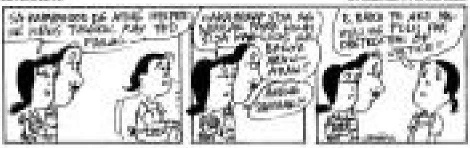
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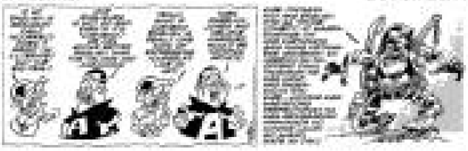
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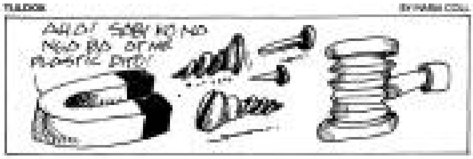
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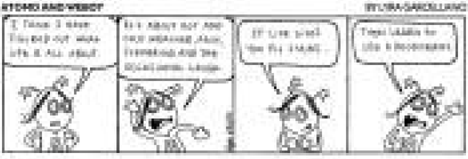
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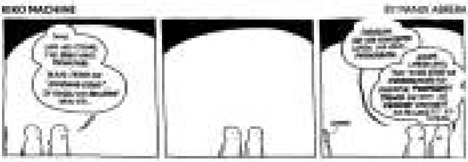
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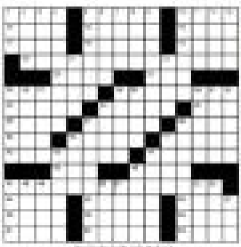


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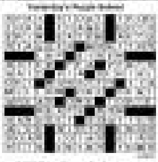


HOROSCOPE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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	8	1		5				
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	7	8	4	9	6	2	5
2	9	8	6	7	5	3	1	4
6	5	4	3	2	1	7	8	9
5	2	6	7	3	8	9	4	1
7	3	1	9	5	4	8	6	2
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4	8	3	2	9	7	1	5	6
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Kelly Clarkson talks about her new album



Courtesy of Sony Music Entertainment Philippines

Philippine indie MUSIC gets a boost online

Who really wants to listen to rockers who perform in noontime variety shows?

Nine Inch Nails in Manila



Hey, it's Hey Monday!

This new band likes to stay on the 'sunnier side of things,' from its look to its music



24/7 SUPER RADAR



3rd Boracay International Dragon Boat Festival

The End is Near



One and Only



Love is in the Air

Wildlife in crystal

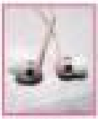


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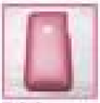
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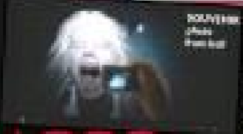
Think pink

Get your hands on these cool gadgets. They're not just pretty, they're powerful



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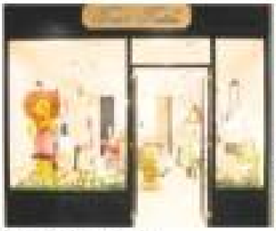


Have the fright of your life at Hotel 626

Terrifying, it'll give you sleepless nights—but it's not what it seems



Hip and Happening Fun Finds fo



STYLISH finds for tots at Tartie Tatis



EXPECTANT moms will surely find stylish apparel from Aeja.



THE GREENBELT 5 Kids Section located on the third floor offers a plethora of cool and exciting games and activities for kids!



HOP AND SHOP for cool baby products at Youji & Me.



FOX OFFERS stylish yet reasonably priced casual clothing and accessories for men, women and babies.



EASY and stylish finds at Fox.



"SENSUOUS Affair" timepieces from Swatch.

THE LEADING lifestyle and shopping destination Ayala Malls gives every family a chance to experience a wide array of retail and food establishments, convenient mall amenities and various activities. Ayala Malls gives more reason for teens and kids to enjoy their shopping experience with the newest stores at the Greenbelt 5 Kids and Teens Section.

Ultimate fashionable finds are spotted at the Greenbelt 5 Teens Section located at the second level and the Kids Section at the third level housing popular local and international brands.

Hip and casual wear

Discover hep finds from Fox located at the Teens Section as it takes you to a world of rock and roll-influenced and techno-inspired graphic prints for Fox Men, Bohemian chic pieces for Fox Women and handmade ethnic tribes and wild, psychedelic colors for Fox Baby from its spring/summer collection.

Levi's Premium showcases the best classic to fashion apparel and accessories. It takes a step further with high quality denims and intricate stitch details making it distinct from the rest with its featured collections such as Levi's Capital E, Damien Hirst, Levi's Red and Levi's Vintage Clothing.

Swiss watch brand Swatch carries high-tech collections of diversified range of fashion and art designs. These include the Irony series comprising metal-looked watches, the Skin family of sleek and flat bodied watches that feel like second skin on your wrists, the Scuba series for water hobbyists and scuba divers, and



REVEL in Swatch's versatile timepieces.



HOBBES and Landes offers creativity-filled games and toys.



VISIT Columbia Sportswear Company.

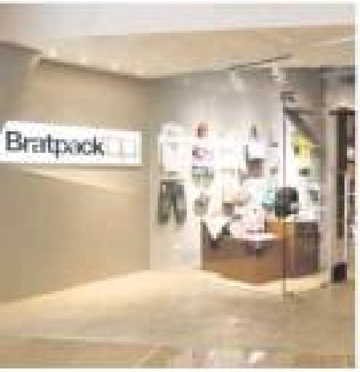


CLASSIC apparel and accessories at Gingersnaps.

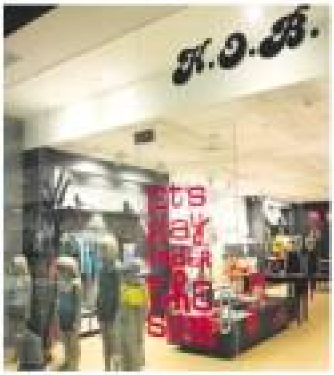


CHICCO offers a wide variety of baby products in innovative designs.

...or Teens and Kids at Greenbelt 5



BRATPACK is conveniently located at the Teens Section on the second level of Greenbelt 5.



TODDLERS will enjoy playful colors and designs at Kids of Bayo.



ASSORTED multipurpose cases by Mobipets for the gadget-savvy at Astronikos.



"BLACK SABBATH" high-cut sneakers by Chuck Taylor All Star from Converse.



KIDSQUESTS offers exciting toys such as the Ramone DVD player, Lightning McQueen TV and CD Boombox.



CONVERSE carries special edition collections such as John Varvatos, The Century Collection, Jack Purcell and WADE 4.



A FASHION staple, grab quality denims at Levi's.



TIMEZONE provides ultimate amusement experience.



WHIMSICAL prints and designs for cute little toddlers at Big & Small Co.

...the Papanack series including the Internet-connected watch with a capability to download stock quotes, news headlines, weather report and other data.

Get more of the newest trends in town with 7 For All Mankind, Agatha, Anthem, Beach Catastrophe, David & Goliath, Greyone Seoul, Hide Out carrying global brands Nike Adidas, Puma and Gola, Lil Clothing, People 4 People and Nikko Jeans all found at the Teens Section.

Moms-to-be and Mom's Tiny Tots

Shopping for the perfect outfit and other baby essentials for playful tots and expectant moms is now more convenient with the newest Kids Section at the third floor of Greenbelt 5! Find fashionable finds paired with stylish designs from Anje, Big & Small Co, Chicco, Instant, Fletcher, Tondoom Kids, Gingersnaps, Hand A Baby, Jump, Kids of Bayo, Levi's Kids, Oak Kush, Tame Teds and Yoyo & Me.

Amusement Destinations and Student Essentials

Let your kids wander in fun and excitement with amusement destinations Hobbes and Landes, Kids Station and Timezone while peruse through school supplies and bags from Bosspeds, all at the third floor.

Geared for the Outdoors

Feel the outdoor experience as Columbia Sportswear Company features high quality outerwear for the active lifestyle. Found in must-haves from Interchange Series ™ comprising jackets made for hunting and a weatherproof outer shell and an insulating inner jacket that could be worn together or separately, Bugaboo ™ as one of the best-selling ski jackets in history, Omni-Shade weather performance and protection for the demanding outdoor action, and Omni-Tech breathable fabric among others.

Made of innovative inventions and functionally trendy designs, Bratpack apparel and accessories at the Teens Section caters to the adventurous and active lifestyle. Indulge in outrageous apparel, backpacks and travel bags from JanSport, Timbuk2, Hedgren, The North Face, Sherpani, DC and Mandara, footwear from Barrek and Kickers, music gear from Skullcandy, skate accessories from Beckett and clothing from Tough Jeansmith, Life is Good and Hyde.

Also located at the Teens Section, Nike Stadium also provides the coolest sportswear for the professional athletes and sports enthusiasts.

Fashionable Footwear

Exude individuality and confidence with Converse offering local and imported quality sports lifestyle apparel and accessories. Choose from a wide variety of designs and limited, high-end collections like John Varvatos, Chuck Taylor All Stars, The Century Collection, Jack Purcell and Wade 4.

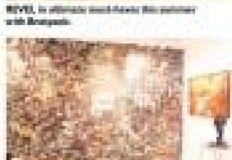
As summer has finally set in, sashay with glamour from Charles & Keith footwear and saunter under the sun with comfortable slip-ons from Crocs and All Flip Flops, all located at the Teens Section.

Beauty essentials

Gorgeous looks can be attained with top of the line skin care and other beauty products. Shine flawlessly this summer with beauty must-haves at Beauty Bar and L'Occitane at the Teens Section.



REVEL in ultimate must-haves this summer with Bratpack.



SWITCH showcases in-store gallery creativity and design.



FEEL the outdoor experience with high quality outerwear from Columbia Sportswear Company.

Dining destinations

While you're at your shopping hype, drop by tasteful dining destinations at Chili's and California Pizza Kitchen [illegible] level.

Other Greenbelt 5 stores await loyal patrons and shoppers [illegible] Marks, Lyn, Marks and Spencer, Paper Fan and soon-to-open Sanrio Lane at the Teens Section while stores such as Robots, Blues, Cutting Edge, Chelsea, Digital Walker, Gadget Tree, Kabila, Jessica Payot, Passports, K. Bogue and soon-to-open Mothercare are found at the Kids Section.

For more shopping and dining choices, drop by Greenbelt 5 and enjoy the luxury of mailing with family and friends as you check out the other stores and restaurants located at the lower ground level such as Hesssel Gordon, Bouche, WPT, Fully Booked, Hyndrade, Healthy Options, Life Fitness, The Picture Company and Tempur, located at the ground level are Zara, Mango, Shoppeleven, Steve Madden, Superga, Franco Sarto, Promod, Onitsuka Tiger, Fred Perry, Trussi, Pepe Jeans, Cif, Penhaligon's, Oakfinnis, Jurlique, Shiseido, Lanabee, Breitling, Omega, Panerai, Rolex, Patek Philippe, IWC, Jaeger Le Coultre, Audemars Piguet, Chopard, Aldo, Aldo Accessories, Mk, Chateau 1771, Madison Grill, Origami, Lawson's Way, Max Brenner, Terrace at the 8th level, Topshe; second level restaurants include Chili's and California Pizza Kitchen and fourth level stores include Studio M Fit, S.A.O.S., Dental Spas, Nail Tropics and Strip & Brow Bar.

Ayala Malls' commitment in bringing superior shopping, dining and entertainment destinations for families and friends has just been made even more enjoyable with the newest stores in the Greenbelt 5 Kids and Teens Section! These and more are some of the reasons why we've recall at Ayala Malls.

Best of green

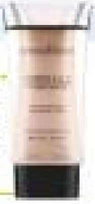
2bU rounds up eco-friendly alternatives. Try these products that work just as well but are good to Momma Earth



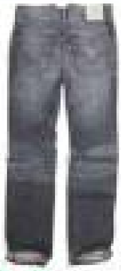
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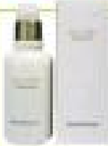
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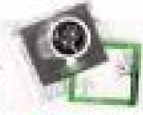
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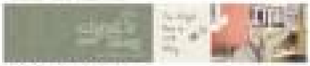
Ready, set, green!

1. Blackle.com





2. Treehugger.com



3. Nigelsecostore.com

These eco-friendly sites bring you down to earth

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Health On A Budget: NUTRIENTS YOU NEED ARE IN AFFORDABLE US POTATOES



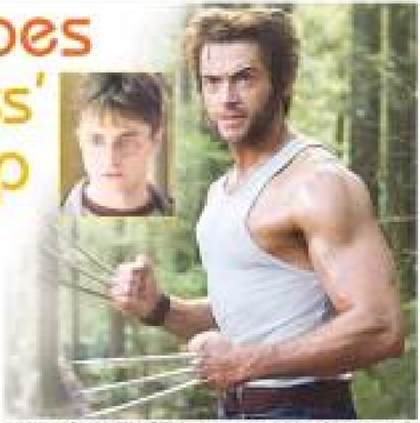
Books on how to become more eco-friendly



WHAT'S INSIDE
And then there were five on 'American Idol' G2

SATURDAY *Special*

Iconic screen heroes energize 'relentless' summer film lineup



JACKMAN AND RADCLIFFE (INSET). Reprise popular roles in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" and "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," respectively.

LOS ANGELES—WHAT A "WHO'S Who" list Hollywood has lined up for its summer action spectacles: Wolverine, Transformers, Harry Potter, James Kirk, G.I. Joe and the Terminator. If there's one word to sum it all up, it's this: Relentless.

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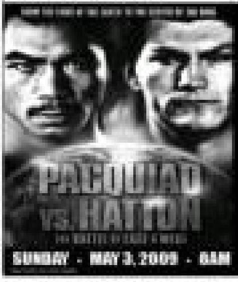
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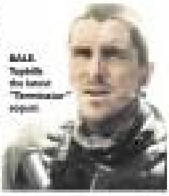
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Iconic screen heroes...

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BALE: Topbills the latest "Terminator" sequel.

Rematch

Crime saga

NVC marks milestone...

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Indispensable element

Inch-long scar

Ambulance...

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Raya Martin makes RP cinema history with two Cannes entries

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD





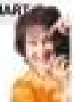
NVC marks milestone with 'The Male Voice'



Barrio doctor honored



STREET SMART



Cinemalaya filmmakers persevere despite odds



Ambulance vendor, walking closets and other boob-tube booboos



SATURDAY Special

NOW SHOWING

Charm trumps logic in Efron's career-revving rom-com

By Rito P. Asilo

"17 Again"

Dir. Burr Steers
S: Zac Efron, Matthew Perry

AFTER HIS TWEEN-baiting musical turns in 2007's "Hairspray" and last year's "High School Musical 3: Senior Year," Zac Efron finally comes into his own as Hollywood's latest big-screen box-office sensation.

In Burr Steers' No. 1 rom-com hit, "17 Again," the versatile heartthrob plays the dreamy 17-year-old version of morose 37-year-old Mike O'Donnell (Matthew Perry), an underachieving pharmaceutical agent who has been "in a bad mood for the last 20 years."



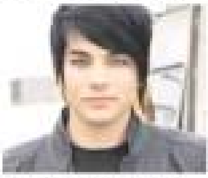
EFRON: Learns something—the hard way

Promotion

And then there were five

Stellar combination

Comments



LAMBERT: Shoo-in for the "final-three"!



ALLISON: Youngest finalist—and one of the best.



GOKEY: Consistently exceptional performances.

Creamy cheese steak as comfort food



Reasonable prices

Popular

Beyoncé talks tour, movie, Etta James and Twitter



BEYONCE. "I always give my all, because I know how lucky I am to be in this profession."

Alter ego

Video

Sequel of Statham's actioner lives up to its title



STATHAM AND SMART. Reunite in "Crank's" charged sequel.

High tolerance

Surly antihero

Focus on global Pinoys





CYRUS. Returns to the big screen as her popular alter ego (right).

'Fun Pamilya Extravaganza 2009'

Gaby dela Merced

'Hannah Montana: The Movie'

Remembering Tita Muñoz



THE STAGE, screen and radio icon has taken her final bow.

Sentimental visit

Greater value than gold

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

Salvation

Greed

Charm trumps logic in Efron's career-revving rom-com



THE VERSATILE heartthrob plays a 37-year-old man in a 17-year-old boy's body.

New lease on life

Light and breezy

Remembering Tita Muñoz

By Behn Cervantes

THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL THEATER Association (Peta) was founded in 1967. For its initial set of productions, the theater group staged three Palanca award-winning plays by Jesus Peralta, the prolific playwright who was also a curator at the Philippine National Museum. The following year, Peta decided to stage three of [illegible] award-winning plays.

Third play

I was tapped to direct "And a Happy Birthday," starring Esther C. Viloria, [illegible] and [illegible]. Joey Gosiengfiao was assigned to direct the tragicomedy "No Bakla [illegible]." [illegible] was supposed to direct the third play but [illegible] on theater-building, so she passed it on to newcomer [illegible]. The plays were presented at the Assumption Convent Theater, before the exclusive school moved to Makati.

Joey cast me as the young man involved with a sophisticated woman. I was excited when he told me he had also managed to cast the Tita Muñoz, who was then Manila's most exciting stage actress.



MUÑOZ with the author in "No Bakla Race," under Joey Gosiengfiao's direction.



Her good looks were a cross between Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Collins. In fact, Tita was a cultural icon, with a sterling career in the movies, on radio and television. [illegible] cast her in award-winning plays that Manila's literati and critics raved about. [illegible] Tita, Joey, [illegible] and I became good friends.

Manila may be a big metropolis, but the cultural circle is small [illegible], so the four of us would cross paths at [illegible]. When [illegible] moved to India for a fellowship in filmmaking, the group moved over to [illegible], where we joined the company of [illegible], Nick Joaquin, [illegible], the young [illegible], as well as other would-be artists who were members of Manila's Bohemian set.

Rehearsals

In those heady watering holes, we socialized with other artists after rehearsals of Peta, UP, PBC or Repertory Philippines projects. We discussed the latest productions, the political goings-on during the First Quarter Storm, and movies like "Blow Up," "Z" and "The Battle of Algiers" when they were shown in Manila.

We went our separate ways after Martial Law was declared. Some went [illegible]

REMEMBERING H5

Too many awards dilute quality standards

By Nestor U. Torre

ONE OF THE MOST CONFOUNDING issues on the entertainment scene these days is the marked rise in the number of film and media awards—at a time when the local movie industry's annual output of feature films has gone down!

Why have so many new film award groups been formed? Some of the newbies are popular, "people's choice" awards, voted on by members of an educational institution, or some other aggrupation.

Now, popular awards are good, because they indicate how the film audience feels about the industry's products. It's important that moviegoers have a chance to collectively react to the films they get to see.

Objectivity

On the other hand, some popular awards lack the screen savvy and objectivity needed for awards to set credible standards for excellence. Quite a number of moviegoers validate a star's popularity, for the quality of his or her work. All too often, popular stars win awards, not because they turn in the best performances, but because they loom larger to viewer-voters' consciousness.

The unfortunate result is, undeserving film or media work is honored with awards, further muddying up the local entertainment scene's already murky standards of excellence. With so many conflicting choices of winners, members of the viewing public are deprived of the clear, decisive standards they need to increase their appreciation of good movies.

So, if film awards groups want to help raise local movie standards, they should go by more than sheer good will and interest in cinema. Popular preferences are fine, but they have to be backed up with more solid film knowledge and a more informed and objective ability to tell good from bad, better from good, and best from better, when it comes to film work.

Workshops

So, aside from putting up new film awards, the sponsoring institution should first "train" its viewer-voters by way of film appreciation workshops and other tutorials, to make sure that they end up picking the most deserving winners. Failing that, they could only add to the confusion and lack of clarity in film evaluation currently running rampant in these parts.

Last year, for instance, too many film awards groups ended up choosing around eight different movies as the Filipino season's best production.

Individually, some of those choices may have been deserving and thus helpful in establishing believable standards for superior film work. Viewed collectively, however, all those conflicting "winners" were no help at all, and merely added to the confusion already prevalent in local film circles.

Nobody with his head and heart screwed on straight wants to do that, so better and more objectively informed judgment is urgently called for.

Focus on global Pinoys

EVERY THURSDAY AT 10:30 P.M., THE ANC channel telecasts "Crossing Borders," a 30-minute interactive talk show that looks into the issues affecting today's global Pinoys, like jobs, finances and immigration. The show is anchored by immigration lawyer Mike Temple, who is joined by a panel of experts in giving advice. "Crossing Borders" also features inspiring stories of Filipinos who have done well overseas.

MONTAGE

Jessica Simpson topbills 'Major Movie Star'

"Major Movie Star" is a show-biz comedy about a pampered film starlet (played by Jessica Simpson) who gets in over her head while attempting to land a lucrative film role. Informed that she's unfit to act in a new military-themed movie, the ambitious but woefully short-sighted starlet enlists in the Marines, hoping that the media will take notice of her initiative. Though she quickly realizes that she's in way over her head, the patriotic starlet decided to do her country proud! Steve Miner directs, and [illegible] and Steve Guttenberg complete the stellar cast.



SIMPSON: Plays a starlet who trains with the US Marines.

'G-Strip Rewind'

Sun Cellular and the Greenhills Shopping Center recently staged the fun-filled "G-Strip Rewind" '80s concert and car show, delighting thousands of music fans and vintage car aficionados. Top bands like The Jerks, Color It Red and The Dawn performed, the crowd danced all night long, and car lovers were treated to a dazzling display of classic wheels.

To make the event more exciting, Sun Cellular gave away fun prizes and freebies. Visit www.suncellular.com.ph.

'Songs for A New World'

The 9 Works Theatrical company presents the smash off-Broadway hit musical, "Songs for A New World," at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza, on May 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10. Jason Robert Brown's musical presents people trying to survive under a new set of circumstances, even against seemingly insurmountable odds. Bobby Garcia directs a cast of musical theater standouts—Felix Rivera, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Harold [illegible] and [illegible]. Call 557-5668.

Movies on TV

On HBO today at 9 p.m., "Mr. [illegible]." Tomorrow at 3 p.m., "The 11th Hour." April 27 at 1 p.m., "The Golden Compass." April 28 at 6:05 p.m., "Sense and Sensibility." April 29 at 11 p.m., "The Jane Austen Book Club." April 30 at 3 p.m., "A Night at Rosebury."

On Cinemax today at 7 p.m., "Talladega Nights." Tomorrow at 7 a.m., "The Sting 2." April 27 at 9 p.m., "The Andromeda Strain." April 28 at 7 a.m., "The Bedford Incident." April 29 at 7 a.m., "Rio Grande." April 30 at 5 p.m., "All the King's Men."

Outreach program

On May 1, TSBK (Trails to Empower Kids) will conduct an outreach program in Bacoor(?), Aparri(?). The group will deliver notebooks and other school supplies [illegible]

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